

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
STAT FROM: [REDACTED]  
Deputy Director for Administration  
SUBJECT: Reply to Letter from Ms. Barbara Mishkin

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Attached for your signature (Attachment A) is a reply to Ms. Barbara Mishkin, Deputy Director, President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research. This follows a meeting with the staff of the Commission (cleared through Secret), a representative of the General Counsel [REDACTED] and the Liaison Officer to the Commission [REDACTED]. The present format provides the staff of the Commission with information in a form compatible with tabulation for the Commission's biennial report to the President and Congress (Attachment B) without providing specific data. This less specific reporting of the data was agreeable to the staff.

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Harry E. Fitzwater

Attachments

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Washington, D.C. 20505

Ms. Barbara Mishkin, Deputy Director  
President's Commission for the Study  
of Ethical Problems in Medicine and  
Biomedical and Behavioral Research  
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Dear Ms. Mishkin:

This letter is a sequel to the mid-September 1981 interim reply by the Central Intelligence Agency to your 19 August 1981 request for information about human research conducted or supported by the Agency during Fiscal Year 1981. During this time, the Central Intelligence Agency funded fewer than 10 extramural research projects involving human subjects at fewer than 10 institutions. Fewer than 10 projects involving intramural biomedical or behavioral research were conducted. Fewer than 100 human subjects were involved. All research conducted or supported by the Central Intelligence Agency was reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board. Each of the Institutional Review Boards has an approval assurance on file at the Department of Health and Human Services (then HEW). The total biomedical and behavioral research budget was less than \$500,000, including both extramural and intramural research. The entire budget involved research with human subjects.

I trust that this information will be of assistance to you and to the Commission.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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EXTENT OF BIOMEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS  
CONDUCTED OR SUPPORTED BY AGENCIES WITH STATUTORY LIAISONS TO THE COMMISSION

	No. of inst's receiving grants or contracts	No. of grants or contracts funded	No. of intra- mural research projects	No. of human subjects involved	No. of IRBs that reviewed the research		Biomedical and behavioral research budget in millions		Amount spent research in human subje millions	
					extra- mural	intra- mural	extra- mural	intra- mural	extra- mural	intra- mural
Intelligence Agency										
Defense	256 <sup>a</sup>	274	409 <sup>b</sup>	92,000	164	38	122.2	146.3	26.4	
Human Services	816	11,557	*	*	1,000 <sup>d</sup>		3,370.	*	1,460.	
Research Foundation	68	164	0	*	68	0	36.8	0	8.6	
Administration	9	25	3,224 <sup>c</sup>	*	35	104	2.5	123.0	*	

\* Agency reports that data are not available.

<sup>a</sup> This figure may be high due to duplication, i.e., institutions may hold contracts with more than one service.

<sup>b</sup> This figure may be low. The Department of Defense reports that "this total excludes 1000 clinical studies conducted by the Air Force, since none of the other respondents included this non-R&D category."

<sup>c</sup> This figure may be low. It refers to the number of principal investigators that conduct research involving human subjects.

<sup>d</sup> Estimate provided by agency.